

**MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS**

**INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

**EMPLOYER:** Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

**CONTACT PERSON'S NAME/TITLE:** Vicki Robinson, Fishing Access Site Program Manager

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**DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT:** Friday, January 4, 2019

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Friday, March 1, 2019 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

**\*\*STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE\*\***

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**POSITION TITLE:** Fishing Access Site Recreation Intern

**# OF POSITIONS:** 1

**LOCATION(S):** Great Falls based

**WORK START/END DATES:** Flexible – Mid May to Mid August (13 weeks)

**HOURS/WEEK:** 40 hours per week

**TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES:** Will begin the first week intern can start

**COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC):** \$11.00 per hour, work truck will be assigned to intern, as well as, FWP shirts

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** *The mission of the Fishing Access Program is to provide the angling public with access to Montana's streams, lakes and reservoirs and provide management of water-based recreation conflict for quality angling opportunities. The program provides extensive publicly owned angling access that exist in only a few other states. Currently there are over 330 sites statewide that require management of ongoing operations and maintenance. Typical management activities include landowner relations, conflict resolution, O & M oversight responsibilities, vandalism, weed management, permitting and fee collection issues. Commercial and non-angling use of FWP fishing access sites for water-based recreation is a growing issue and is being addressed through a special permitting and fee system. Acquisition of new sites requires prioritization and funding to support infrastructure and enforcement needs.*

The Fishing Access Recreation Intern will be involved with many aspects of the FAS program. This will include maintenance on building and grounds at fishing access sites along the Missouri and Sun Rivers, GPS projects, conducting user surveys, organizing volunteer projects, mapping recreation trails, landscaping and aquatic invasive species work and other duties assigned by the supervisor. The focus of work will be 85% out in the field getting first-hand experience and the other 15% will be in an office setting, compiling data and writing up project summaries.

**SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):**

Applicant must have a current valid driver's license.

No specific area of study required, but applicant should have a general interest in areas associated with the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks agency. Areas of study may include; forestry, recreation, fisheries, environmental studies, enforcement and/or construction management.

Applicant must be able to lift 50 pounds or more, work in variable outdoor settings, walk/hike on unstable turf, drive long distances, make frequent short trips to go to each site, and perform outdoor maintenance on buildings and grounds.

- Public contact
- Teamwork
- Independent work
- Safety conscious
- Basic knowledge of tools used in landscaping and outdoor maintenance
- Organizational skills

**APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):**

Resume, cover letter and 2 work references

Please sent to contact person listed above via email or postal service by application deadline.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (; HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.)**

Reasonable housing options may be available at the Ursaline Center in Great Falls.